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SUBJECT: "THE NINE'S" STRATEGY MOVES AHEAD

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1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED A REIORT THAT OPORTO OFFICERS HAVE  
SIGNED A LETTER DEMANDING THAT BRIGADIER CORVACHO NOT RETURN AS

COMMANDER OF OPORTO REGION. WE ALSO HEAR THAT ANTI-COMMUNISTS MAY  
TRY TO BREAK UP PRO-CORVACHO DEMONSTRATION SCHEDULED FOR TONIGHT  
IN OPORTO. WHILE WE HAVE NO DIRECT INFORMATION FROM "THE NINE" ONE

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THE ANTI-DEMONSTRATION TACTICS BOTH FIT THE DESC-

RIPTION THEY HAVE GIVEN US OF THEIR ESCALATION OF POWER STRATEGY.  
THEY HAVE TOLD US THEY WILL NOT ALLOW CORVACHO TO RETURN TO  
OPORTO.

2. AT RISK OF REPETITION, EMBASSY WOULD POINT OUT THAT  
ANTI-CORVACHO DEMONSTRATION OF NIGHT BEFORE LAST, COPCON  
RAID ON J-5 HEADQUARTERS, CENTRAL REGIONAL COMMANDER CHARAISJJS  
STATEMENT, AND THE DEVELOPMENTS REPORTED ABOVE,  
IF ACCURATE, WILL  
FIT INTO "THE NINES" STRATEGY. "THE NINE"  
ALSO PROBABLY HAD A ROLE IN COSTA GOMES AARNINR# TO THE PRESS  
AND HIS MODERATE STATEMENT TO THE PRO-GONCALVES RALLY.

3. ALTHOUGH THEY HAVE LOST AN IMPORTANT POLITICAL ROUND AND  
THE PRO-GONCALVES FORCES ARE PRESSING ON ALL FRONTS "THE  
NINE" ARE FAR FROM OUT. THEIR NEW STRATEGY MAY BE THE ONLY  
ONE POSSIBLE IF THEY EXPECT TO STAY IN THE STRUGGLE, AND  
THEY SHOW ALL THE SIGNS OF INTENDING TO STAY.  
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